

# Ride On Montgomery County Transit Notice of Public Forum On Proposed Service Additions & Eliminations Effective January 2013



Montgomery County hereby notifies the general public and other interested parties that a public forum will be held on Thursday, September 27, 2012 starting at 6:30 p.m. and ending after the last speaker at the Executive Office Building Cafeteria, Terrace Level, located at 101 Monroe Street, Rockville, Maryland. In the case of inclement weather, the public forum will be held on Tuesday, October 2, 2012. In order to serve areas that have been recently developed and to eliminate sections of routes that are under performing, Ride On has proposed changes to six Ride On routes and one Metrobus route operated on Saturday by Ride On. For additional information prior to the public forum regarding these proposed changes, please access the Ride On web site at www.rideonbus.com and click "Transit Updates".

# These are the changes being proposed:

### Route 38

The route will be restructured to split at White Flint Station, creating two separate routes. Route 38 East will serve a new area in Connecticut Estates. Route 38 West will serve a new residential and business development, Park Potomac. The two routes will share the same end location at White Flint Station.

### **Route 47**

Will serve a new residential and business development, Park Potomac.

### Route 52

Route will be restructured to add more frequency, serve a new subdivision in Olney, but eliminate service along Headwaters Drive and reduce service on Olney Sandy Spring Road (MD108) between Prince Phillip Drive and Georgia Avenue.

## **Route 53**

Will be restructured to improve on time performance and serve the ICC Park and Ride Lot. Eliminates service in the reverse direction of the rush hour from Olney to Shady Grove Metro

# Route 58

Serves a new medical facility, Kaiser Permanente, along Watkins Mill Road. Provides improved connections with other Ride On routes.

# **Route 98**

Extend the route to Kingsview Park and Ride Lot from Germantown Transit Center via Cinnamon Woods community during the peak hour and the SoccerPlex on weekends. Serves new Father Hurley Blvd extended. Adds new midday and Sunday service. Eliminates Seabreeze Court and service on Wisteria.

# Route Z2 – Saturday – Metrobus route operated on Saturdays by Ride On.

Will be discontinued. This service with low ridership duplicates existing service on Metrobus C8 and Z8.

Individuals and representatives of organizations who would like to speak at the public forum are requested to furnish in writing, on or before September 22, 2012, their name, home address, telephone number, e-mail address and organization to Division of Transit Services, Ride On Public Forum, 101 Monroe Street, 5th Floor, Rockville, Maryland 20850. Individuals who have signed up to speak must bring two (2) printed copies of their testimony for the record. Sign language interpreter services will be provided only upon request with notice as far in advance as possible but not less than three (3) business days prior to the date of the forum. Large print format is available upon request. All comments will be considered before any changes are finalized.

Comments on the proposed service changes and reductions must be in writing and either mailed, faxed or e-mailed to the Division of Transit Services by 5:00 p.m. October 1, 2012. Send your comments to:

Division of Transit Services Ride On Public Forum 101 Monroe Street, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Rockville, Maryland 20850 (240) 777-5801 (fax)

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